

# Nūh

(‘alayhi s-salām)

## The Prophet Who Built a Boat

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# **The Story of Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām)**

Today you will learn about the life of one of the best people that ever lived. This was a man sent by Allāh. You will learn why they were sent and what lessons we can learn from their lives. They were known as the Prophets of Allāh.

## **After Ādam (‘alayhi s-salām)**

When Ādam (‘alayhi s-salām) and Hawwa (raḍiyallāhu ‘anhā) passed away, their children carried on



worshipping Allāh. They did everything their father and Prophet Ādam (‘alayhi s-salām) taught them. They worshipped only Allāh alone. They did not worship anyone besides Allāh.

Shaytan was still angry and jealous with Ādam (‘alayhi s-salām). So he still tried his best to make his children do bad things. He tried his best to make them go to Jahannam. But it was very hard for him to make them do bad things because they were very good.

So he thought of an evil plan. He thought of a way to make them do bad things.

# The Good People

After Ādam (‘alayhi s-salām) passed away, there were some really good people. They followed everything Ādam (‘alayhi s-salām) taught them. They had also passed away.

Shaytan went to the people in disguise. He acted like he was a good friend. He started asking them about the good people who had passed away. They all said that they were very good people.

# Shaytan's Plan

Shaytan gave them an idea. He said to them, "Why don't you look at them every day and remember how good they were?"

The people became confused. They didn't understand. They asked how that was possible? So Shaytan told them to draw pictures of these people and put them in their houses. He said to them that if they had pictures of the good people, they can look at them every day.

The people thought it was a good idea.

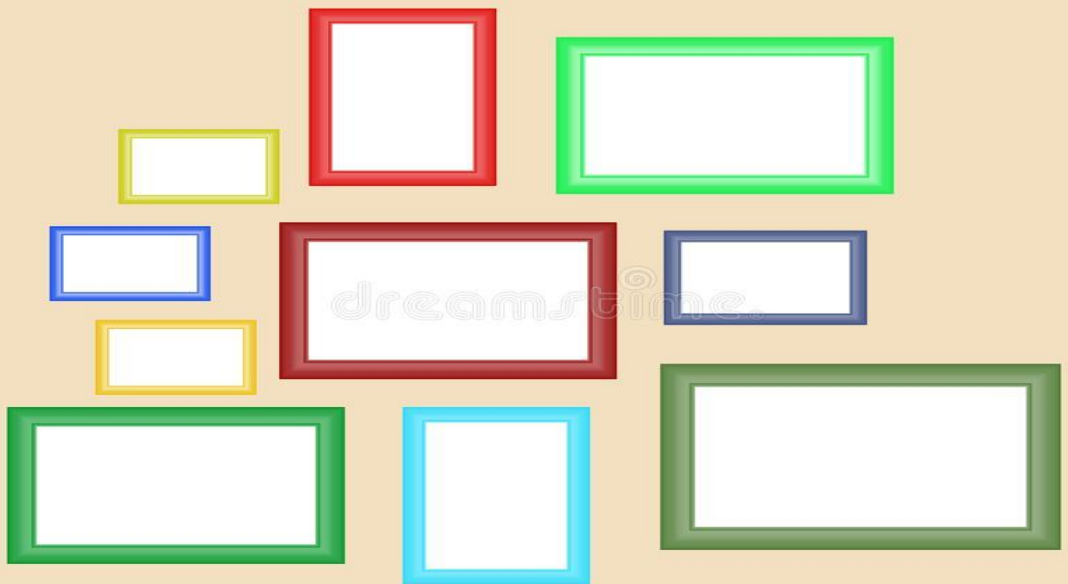
But because Shaytan is our enemy, he always tries to make bad things look good. He always tries his best to make us do bad things and he makes us think it's very good.

But drawing pictures of people is not allowed. Allāh does not like people who draw pictures of humans. We all know that Allāh makes everything. Allāh creates all humans and animals and He gives them life. So if we draw humans or animals, we are acting like we can do the same thing that Allāh can do. This is wrong. No one can do what Allāh can do because Allāh is the Most-Powerful. We should never draw pictures of people and animals.

# Drawing Pictures

After Shaytan gave them the idea of drawing pictures, they made pictures of the good people.

Every day they would look at the pictures and remember the good people. The children would look at their mum and dad looking at the pictures.



# Making Statues

When the children grew up, they tried to make these pictures more real. So they made these pictures into statues.

Now these children who were now grown up, would look at these statues every day. And their children would look at them doing this.

When these children grew up, Shaytan tricked them even more. He told them to start worshipping these statues. He told them that if you worship these statues, Allah will become happy. But Shaytan was trying to trick them like he always does. The truth was that Allah would become very angry.



So the people began worshipping these statues. Shaytan became very happy.

Allah was unhappy that the people were worshipping statues. The people were supposed to worship only Allah and no one else.

## **Sending a Prophet**

To remind the people that they were doing something very bad, Allah decided to send a Prophet to remind the people. Allah chose a man named Nūḥ.

Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) was a very good man. Allah made him a Prophet to remind the people that what they were doing was bad.

# Calling the People Towards Good

When Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) became a Prophet, he told all the people to worship Allah and not the statues. He told them to stop worshipping the statues. He told them that the statues were fake and made of stone. He told them that the statues could not help them in any way. He told them in so many different ways that what they were doing was bad.

The people did not like what Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) was telling them. They laughed at him. They made fun of him. They hit him.

But Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) never gave up. He tried and tried. He told the people that if they become good again, Allah will forgive them. He told them that Allah is very kind.

Only the poor and weak people listened to Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām). When the people saw this, they said to Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) that they will only listen to him if the poor people go away. But Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) did not want to push the poor people away.

Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) tried his best to call the people towards good. He tried for 950 years!

We learn from Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) that we should never give up. We should always keep trying.

## **Warning the Bad People**

For 950 years, Allah still gave the people a chance. He did not punish them.

When Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) would teach the people, they would put their fingers in their ears.

After so much hard work, only a few people listened to Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām).

He warned the people that if they did not listen to his message, Allah would send a punishment.

The people laughed and said, "Bring the punishment that you have promised, if you are saying the truth."

Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) then asked Allah to punish the people.

We should never laugh at other people. If we are doing something wrong and someone tells us to do good, we should listen to them. We should never laugh and make fun of them.

## **Building a Big Boat**

Allah told Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) to build a big boat. Nūḥ (‘alayhi



s-salām) started building the boat. The people laughed and made fun of Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām). They said why are you making a boat in the middle of the desert?

Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) ignored the people. When the boat was built, Allah told Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) to take on the boat, all the good people and a man and woman from every type of animal.



# The Great Flood

It then started to rain and rain. It rained so much that the whole world became flooded. The big boat started sailing through the waves.

All the bad people who did not listen to Allah were drowned.

All the good people and those who listened to Allah were saved.



# **The Son of Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām)**

Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) had a son who did not believe in Allah. When the flood came, Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) told him to believe in Allah and become good so that he could come on the boat.

He said to Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) that he will climb a big mountain and be saved. Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) told him that no one can be saved from the punishment of Allah. Suddenly, a big wave came and drowned his son.



Allah told Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) that his son was not from his family because he was not good.

We learn that even the son of a Prophet cannot be saved if he does not believe in Allah. It does not matter about how good our family is. Allah looks at how good we are and not anyone else. So we should try to be good ourselves.

## Saved

Allah saved Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) and the good people. They all thanked Allah for saving them. All the water went away and the boat stopped at a mountain.

# **Lessons From the Story of Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām)**

We must remember some very important lessons from the story of Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām):

- Allah looks at how good we are. Allah does not care if we are poor or rich. What matters is that we are good and listen to everything Allah says.
- We must never make fun of people who tell us to do good things. Look at what happened to the people that laughed and made fun of Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām).

- We should never give up doing something good. Look at Nūḥ (‘alayhi s-salām) who tried for 950 years!

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